



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
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**Mike Allen, MLA**

Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo Constituency

October 25, 2013

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

On July 22, 2013 I promised I would engage in a serious and honest conversation with my community. I promised based on these discussions, I would be making a decision as to whether I could continue to serve my community as their MLA.

I have spent many hours in private and public meetings. I have also attended many events over the last three months, having that same conversation. Those I have met have been very honest and direct about their feelings on this issue. I acknowledge I have hurt and disappointed many, especially those who elected me. I say again to all of you - I apologize.

I am sincerely grateful for and humbled by the support from my community and the forgiveness people have offered me.

As a result, I have decided to remain as MLA of Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo for the remainder of my term of office. I will devote this time to serving my constituents and their unique needs to the best of my ability. I expect to be held to a higher standard as a result of my previous action. I promise to work tirelessly to regain the trust I have lost through this period.

In light of the ongoing legal proceedings, I will not be making any other public statements or conducting interviews until that issue is resolved.

Sincerely,

Mike Allen, MLA  
Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo